**Setting up of second gas terminal at USSR**

5528. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI V. N. GADGIL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for setting up of a second gas terminal at Usar in Raigad district and also allocation of additional 30 million cubic meters gas per day for that State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAIT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have proposed the setting up of a new gas terminal at Usar and higher allocation of gas to units in Maharashtra. However, the gas projected to be available from the Western Offshore fields is fully allocated and it is not feasible to consider higher allocations at present.

**Research work for Petroleum and Natural Gas in Gujarat**

5529. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Gujarat where research work for petroleum and natural gas resources is going on; and

(b) the achievement made durine the research by Government in the State, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) The Institute of Reservoir studies, ONGC is carrying out research and development studies tor enhancement of oil and gas recovery from fields in general in-cluding Balol, Lanwa, Sanand, Jha-lora. Saathal Bechraji and Gandhar in Gujarat.

(b) The studies are of continuous nature. The research carried out on the enhanced oil recovery methods has resulted in field implementation of new methods like ploymer flooding and insitu combustion and application of profile modification treatments in the high water out wells and a host of other benefits.

**Stock of lead-free petrol**

5530. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the stock of unleaded petrol with the oil companies at the end of March, 1995 in four metrololitan cities;

(b) the off-take estimated by the oil companies as a result of the decision to introduce unleaded petrol in market Since 1st April, 1995;

(c) the. actual off-take of the unlead. ed petrol during April, 1995;

(d) whether poor sales of unleaded petrol have led to. the formation of dtad stocks with petroleum dealers and distributors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and losses suffered by the distributors on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (3) The stock of unleaded petrol with the oil companies in four metro cities at the end • of March, 1995 was as under: